

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
September 20, 2007

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Pramod Pandey (CCRPA); Norma Peterson (Fairfield); Sylvia Dake (Andover CERT); Kitty Hillson (NW CT AHEC/UCONN); Virginia Mason (COGCNV) Dan Thurston (American Legion); Victor H. Ferry (SCCOG); Katherine McCormack (CR-MRC) Jamie DiPace (Avon CERT); Jeff Williams (Town of Groton); Catherine Chatfield (The Hartford); Clark Hurlburt (Town of Hamden); Don Janelle (Manchester CERT); Audra Dolan (FEMA, Voluntary Agency Liaison); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and was followed by introductions of all present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to defer approval of the July 19, 2007 meeting minutes until the next meeting was made by Norma Peterson seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting: Chairman Austin directed the group to the handout of the September 13, 2007 DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes were deferred until the next meeting.
- Statewide Citizen Corps Annual Conference: Chairman Austin spoke about the conference and reviewed the draft conference invitation handout with the group.
- CCM Conference October 24, 2007: Chairman Austin, Sharon Mazzochi, Virginia Mason and Viola Heath will man the Statewide Citizen Corps booth at the conference.

Guest Speaker:

Audra Dolan, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison, spoke to the group about mold remediation and the possibility of CERVE, a Christian emergency response group holding a mold remediation training seminar. The group is interested in finding out more about mold remediation.

New Business

- Correspondence: Chairman Austin received e-mail correspondence and addressed the group on the following:
 1. Background Checks: Chairman Austin stated it was the responsibility of the individual organizations to do background checks. With regard to the payment of background checks, he will contact Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS Legal Council to find out if the Statewide Citizen Corps Council can pay for background checks and/or what would be necessary for this to happen. Chairman Austin will also research to see if there is a legal reason why police departments cannot do background checks.
 2. Continuing Education Units: Chairman Austin stated continuing education units cannot be given for CERT training.

2nd Annual National Emergency Preparedness Conference: Chairman Austin will attend this year's conference in Sacramento, California October 11 through October 13, 2007

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

Old Lyme Approved for \$3,750 for basic CERT training of 30 people.

- Motion to approve was made by Victor H. Ferry Seconded by Sylvia Dake. All in favor so voted.
- East Lyme Approved for \$2,000 for basic CERT training.
Motion to approve was made by Victor H. Ferry Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.
- Milford Approved for \$1,625 for basic CERT training of 25 people to form a Department of Public Health CERT team.
Motion to approve was made by Victor H. Ferry Seconded by Pramod Pandey. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

- New Milford's request for \$810 for CERT equipment and public education was placed on Hold.
- CROCOG Approved for \$1,000 for Enfield CERT team jackets.
Motion to approve was made by Victor H. Ferry Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.
- Town of Hamden Approved for \$884 for radios.
Motion to approve was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Pramod Pandey. All in favor so voted.
- Groton Approved for \$440 for CERT member ID equipment.
Motion to approve was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.
- New London approved for \$440 for CERT member ID equipment.
Motion to approve was made by Pramod Pandey Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.
- Niantic/East Lyme Approved for \$440 for CERT member ID equipment.
Motion to approve was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

- Central Naugatuck Approved for \$2,500 to assist with CERT activities.
Motion to approve was made by Pramod Pandey Seconded by Katherine McCormack. All in favor so voted.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2007.

Future meeting dates: November 15, 2007, and December 20, 2007.